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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW LIBRARY COMPUTER AND NETWORK USE POLICY

POLICY:

The City of Mountain View Public Library, as part of its services to provide information and support educational pursuits, provides computer workstations and network resources for customers to access the Library catalog (OPAC) and other electronic Library resources and to access the Internet. **The Mountain View Public Library Internet Access Policy** defines Internet access in the Library. This policy establishes the regulations and procedures for customer use of Library computers and personal laptop users accessing the Library's network, not the wireless network.

PRIVACY POLICY:

It is the policy of the City of Mountain View Public Library to protect the privacy of Library customers consistent with the law. The Library may keep statistical records of customer use of Internet computers; for example, the number of users each day or average session time. Payment history records are maintained on customers who print using the Library Smart Card "purse."

DISCLAIMER:

- Personal information may not be secure or may be observed by others. Library customers use the Internet at their own risk.
- Material on the Internet may be copyrighted. It is the customer's responsibility to be aware of the display of any notices concerning the copyright of information and to respect the copyright laws of the United States.

REGULATIONS FOR LIBRARY COMPUTERS:

- All customers must read and agree to comply with the provisions of the **City of Mountain View Library Internet Access Policy** and the **Library Computer and Network Use Policy**.
- All users are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided. Users are

expected to exercise good judgment, be considerate of others and follow the **Library's Behavior Policy**.

- Customers who do not use the Library computers and network appropriately will be asked to end a search or session and may be prohibited from using the Library.
- Unacceptable, inappropriate uses include:
 - Viewing material that violates Federal, State or local laws or regulations, including those regarding accessing, viewing, printing and distributing obscenity or child pornography.
 - Violating copyright laws or licensing agreements pertaining to software, files and other resources obtained electronically.
 - Violating another user's privacy.
 - Engaging in any activity that is libelous, slanderous or deliberately offensive to the average reasonable person.
 - Disrupting or interfering with network services and users.
 - Installing or downloading any software; attempting to alter software configuration.
 - Tampering with, destroying or damaging equipment, software and data belonging to the Library.
 - Any operation of the equipment, system or software for reasons other than intended authorized functions.
- Users are responsible for any damage to equipment, network or software as a result of unacceptable use.
- Customers who view harmful matter in the presence of a minor are subject to legal action. (CA Penal Code 313.1)
- A maximum of two people at a time may use a computer station. In the Training Center, only one person at a time may use the computer station.

PROCEDURES FOR USING LIBRARY COMPUTERS:

- A customer must have a Library Smart Card and be in good standing to use the Internet computers.
- The maximum amount of Internet time is set at 90 minutes per day per person. Persons caught violating this limit may have their Internet privileges revoked.
- Customers without a Library Smart Card, for example, visitors to the Library, can use the Express Internet stations for 15 minutes per day per person. This time limit applies even if no one is waiting. Express Internet stations do not have printers.

- Computers are available on a first come, first served basis. All computers shut down 5 minutes before the Library is closing.
- Computer stations in the children's area are intended for use by children and adults working with children.
- Computer stations in the Teen Zone are intended for use by teens during the hours the Teen Zone is reserved for teens.
- Printing from the Internet stations is \$0.10 per page. The Library Smart Card has a "purse" with value on it to pay for printing from Internet computers. Printing from Library catalog (OPAC) workstations is free. Value is added to the Library Smart Card purse at the first floor desk or by using the value added machine in the Training Center.

REGULATIONS FOR LAPTOP USERS ON THE LIBRARY NETWORK:

- All customers must read and agree to comply with the **posted** provisions of the **City of Mountain View Library Internet Access Policy** and the **Library Computer and Network Use Policy**.
- All users are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided. Users are expected to exercise good judgment, be considerate of others and follow the **Library's Behavior Policy**.
- Customers who do not use the Library network appropriately will be asked to end a search/session and may be prohibited from using the Library.
- Unacceptable, inappropriate uses include:
 - Viewing material that violates Federal, State or local laws or regulations, including those regarding accessing, viewing, printing and distributing obscenity or child pornography.
 - Violating another user's privacy.
 - Engaging in any activity that is libelous, slanderous or deliberately offensive to the average reasonable person.
 - Disrupting or interfering with network services and users.
 - Installing or downloading any software; attempting to alter software configuration.
 - Tampering with, destroying or damaging equipment, software and data belonging to the Library.
 - Any operation of the equipment, system or software for reasons other than intended authorized functions.

- Users are responsible for any damage to equipment or network as a result of unacceptable use.
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PROCEDURES FOR LAPTOP COMPUTER USERS ON THE LIBRARY NETWORK:

- A customer must have an Ethernet cable to connect to the Library's network. The Library does not provide these cables.
- General information about connecting to the network is available from the Adult Services desk on the second floor; however, staff do not provide personalized assistance and do not handle the customer's equipment.

Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees:

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